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To whom it may concern (anyone who wants a tested reliable product):

I do not believe that allowing Microsoft to "donate" \$1 billion worth of computers and software is a fair punishment. Apple Computer, for example, dominates the education market. Allowing Microsoft to enter this education market without competition, but as a "punishment", is ludicrous. This costs Microsoft nothing, and only serves to strengthen their grip.

The problem here is you have an entire country (globe?) now conforming to one standard (Wintel). You cannot change this. However, crippling someone who does not play fair by threatening the weak, is an option. You have to hit them where it hurts -- TAKE THEIR CASH. In light of the recent filing by AOL/TimeWarner, I hope Microsoft is punished for the illegal strategies it used to push Netscape (a superior product at the time) out of the market.

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